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SUBJECT: MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART EXHIBIT

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1. IS "CRAFTS EXHIBIT" PARA 1 REFTEL INTENDED TO INCLUDE ITEMS FOR SALE OR JUST FOR DISPLAY? DOES MUSEUM HAVE ANY ITEMS IN ITS OWN COLLECTION TO INCLUDE IN "DISPLAY" IN PARA 2 REFTEL? DO OBJECTS DISPLAYED HAVE TO SHOW DIRECT "RELATIONSHIP" TO CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS OR CAN THEY THEMSELVES BE "TRADITIONAL ART".

2. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER LACK OF ANY ORDERS. SOME DESIRED ITEMS MAY TAKE TIME TO PRODUCE. PLEASE URGE BOUTIQUE OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM GETTING GOSL AMBASSADOR PALMER TO CABLE PRESIDENT STEVENS OR FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH ASAP INDICATING HIS PERSONAL ROLE IN PROJECT, HIS OWN SUPPORT FOR PROJECT, IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT TO SL IMAGE IN US, AND URGENCY OF GOSL POSITIVE ACTION. THIS WILL HELP EASE UNFORTUNATE BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS.

4. RE CARVER: WE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUITABLE PERSON. ASSUME PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE FUNDS FOR PURCHASE AND SHIPPING OF CARVER'S SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY TOOLS AND UNCUT WOOD WHICH LIKELY TO BE HEAVY AND BULKY.
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